

Rooted in Christ
11. An attitude of gratitude (Colossians 3v15-17)

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Introduction

- Complaints and gratitude
- Three **corporate** exhortations. We are to be:

A church ruled by Christ's peace (v15)

- Reconciled to God (c.f. Col. 1v21-22)
- Reconciled to *one another*

A church indwelt by Christ's Word (v16)

- In our *teaching*
- In our *singing*

Songs that are:

- Scriptural
- Congregational
- Diverse
- Thankful

A church motivated by Christ's name (v17)

- "*whatever you do...*"
- "*giving thanks to God...*"

Conclusion

Bible references: Col. 3:11, John 3:16

Colossians 3v12-17 (NIV)

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.